

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

**TIRE WITH COMPONENT OF RUBBER COMPOSITION**  
**COMPRISED OF A COMBINATION OF FUNCTIONALIZED**  
**EMULSION SBR AND COUPLED SOLUTION SBR**

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10 This invention relates to a tire having at least one component (e.g. tread) of a  
rubber composition comprised of a carbon black and precipitated silica reinforced  
elastomer blend comprised of a combination of hydroxyl functionalized aqueous  
emulsion polymerization prepared styrene/butadiene copolymer elastomer (E-SBR) and  
tin coupled organic solvent solution polymerization prepared styrene/butadiene  
copolymer elastomer (S-SBR) and/or isoprene/butadiene copolymer elastomer.  
Preferably, said E-SBR is exclusive of functional groups reactive with alkoxy groups  
15 other than said hydroxyl functional groups. A coupling agent as  
bis(3-triethoxysilylpropyl) polysulfide having an average of from only 2 to 2.6  
connecting sulfur atoms in its polysulfidic bridge is used. The invention further relates  
to an article of manufacture, such as for example a tire, having at least one component  
of a rubber composition comprised of said elastomer blend.